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10. (New) The compound of claim 2, wherein R₇₀ and R₇₁ are methyl groups.

11. (New) The compound of claim 3, wherein R₇₀ and R₇₁ are methyl groups.

12. (New) The compound of claim 4, wherein R₇₀ and R₇₁ are methyl groups. --

REMARKS

In response to the Restriction Requirement, the applicants hereby elect subgenus G2, and Group 2, drawn to compounds directed to subgenus G2. Claims 5, 6 and 7 have been cancelled, and new claims 8-12 submitted. Claim 9 is directed to a pharmaceutical composition containing the elected compounds, and is examinable with the elected Group.

Early and favorable action on the merits is awaited.

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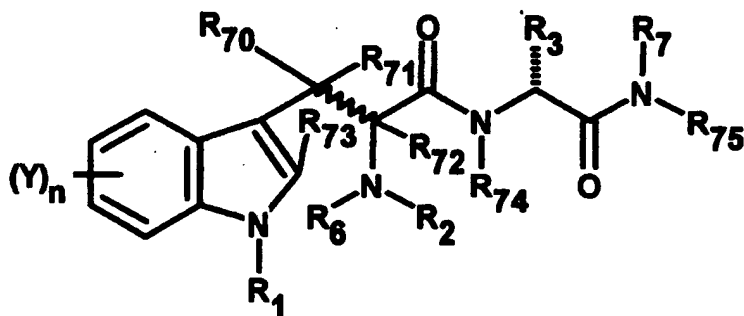
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MARKED UP CLAIMS

1. (Amended) A compound of general formula I



wherein:

R₁ and R₇₀ independently represent a hydrogen atom or an optionally substituted alkyl or acyl group;

R₂ represents a hydrogen atom or an optionally substituted alkyl or acyl group or is absent when R₆ represents a group -CH= as hereinafter described;

R₇₃ represents a hydrogen atom or an optional substituent or is absent when R₆ represents a methylene group or a group -CH= as hereinafter described;

Y represents an optional substituent;

n represents 0, 1, 2, 3, or 4;

R₃ represents a hydrogen atom, or an optionally substituted alkyl group;

R_{74} represents a hydrogen atom, a hydroxy group or an optionally substituted alkyl or acyl group;

R_7 represents a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group;

R_{75} represents an optionally substituted alkyl group or $-Q'-C(O)X$, wherein Q' is an optionally substituted $-CH_2-$, $-CH_2CH_2-$, $-CH_2CH_2CH_2-$, $-CH_2CH=CH-$, $-CH_2C\equiv C-$ or phenylene, X is $-OR_8$, $-SR_8$, or $-NR_8R_{10}$, and R_8 , R_9 and R_{10} independently represent a hydrogen atom or an optionally substituted alkyl group; and

i) R_8 and R_{71} independently represent a hydrogen atom or an optionally substituted alkyl or acyl group; and R_{72} represents a hydrogen atom; or

ii) R_{71} represents a hydrogen atom or an optionally substituted alkyl or acyl group and R_{72} represents a hydrogen atom or R_{71} and R_{72} are joined together such that a double bond is formed between the carbon atoms to which they are attached; and

R_8 represents an optionally substituted methylene group bonded to the indole moiety thereby forming a tricyclic moiety; or

R_8 represents an optionally substituted group $-CH=$ bonded to the indole moiety thereby to form an aromatic tricyclic moiety[, but excluding a single compound of general formula I where R_1 represents methyl, R_2 represents a hydrogen, R_{70} represents methyl, R_{71} represents methyl, R_{73} represents hydrogen, n represents 0, R_3 represents t-butyl, R_{74} represents hydrogen, R_8 represents methyl, R_7 represents methyl, R_{72} represents hydrogen and R_{75} represents

$-\text{CH}(\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2)\text{CH}.\text{CCH}_3.\text{COOH}$];

with the proviso that when

R_6 , R_7 , R_{70} and R_{71} are methyl;

R_2 , R_{72} , R_{73} and R_{74} are hydrogen;

R_3 is t-butyl;

R_{75} is $-\text{CH}(\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2)\text{C}(\text{H})=\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)\text{COOH}$; and

n is 0, R_1 is not methyl.

2. (Amended) A compound of general formula I described in claim 1,
wherein

R_1 represents a hydrogen atom;

R_2 represents a hydrogen atom, or an alkyl group, or an acyl group;

R_3 represents a hydrogen atom, or an optionally substituted alkyl group;

n represents 0;

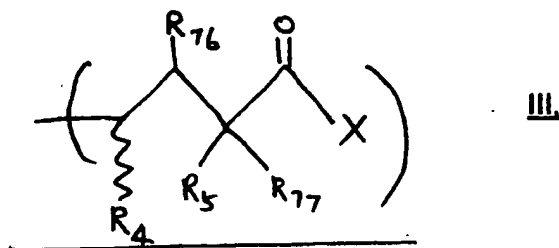
R_{70} and R_{71} independently represent a hydrogen atom or optionally
substituted alkyl group[, but preferably each represent a methyl group];

R_{72} , R_{73} and R_{74} represent hydrogen atoms;

R_7 represents a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group;

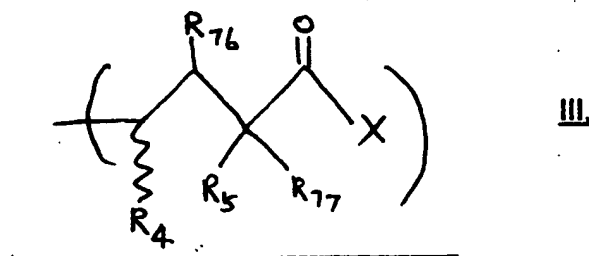
R_6 represents a hydrogen atom, or an optionally substituted alkyl group, or
a methylene group bonded to the indole moiety thereby to form a tricyclic moiety;

R_{75} represents a group of general formula III, [described above]



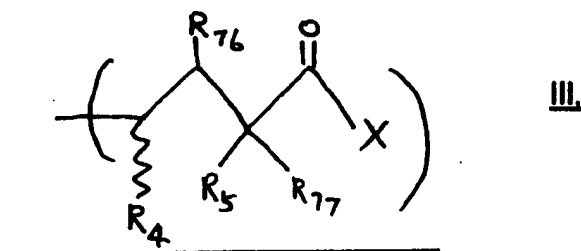
wherein R_4 represents a hydrogen atom, or an optionally substituted alkyl group; R_5 represents a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group; R_{76} and R_{77} each represent a hydrogen atom or R_{76} and R_{77} are joined so that a C=C bond is formed between the carbon atoms to which R_{76} and R_{77} are attached [radicals as described]; and X represents a group $-OR_8$ or a group $-NR_9R_{10}$, wherein R_8 , R_9 and R_{10} independently represent a hydrogen atom or an optionally substituted alkyl group.

3. A compound of general formula I described in claim 1, wherein
- R_1 represents a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group;
 - R_2 represents an acyl group;
 - R_3 represents a hydrogen atom, or an optionally substituted alkyl group;
 - n represents 0;
 - R_{70} and R_{71} independently represent a hydrogen atom or optionally substituted alkyl group[, but preferably each represent a methyl group];
 - R_{72} , R_{73} and R_{74} represent hydrogen atoms;
 - R_7 represents a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group;
 - R_8 represents a hydrogen atom, or an optionally substituted alkyl group, or a methylene group bonded to the indole moiety thereby to form a tricyclic moiety;
 - R_{75} represents a group of general formula III, [described above]



wherein R_4 represents a hydrogen atom, or an optionally substituted alkyl group;
 R_5 represents a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group; R_{76} and R_{77} each represent a
hydrogen atom or R_{76} and R_{77} are joined so that a C=C bond is formed between
the carbon atoms to which R_{76} and R_{77} are attached [radicals as described]; and
 X represents a group $-OR_8$ or a group $-NR_9R_{10}$, wherein R_8 , R_9 and R_{10}
independently represent a hydrogen atom or an optionally substituted alkyl
group.

4. A compound of general formula I described in claim 1, wherein
- R_1 represents a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group;
- R_2 represents a hydrogen atom, or an alkyl group, or an acyl group;
- R_3 represents a hydrogen atom, or an optionally substituted alkyl group;
- n represents 0;
- R_{70} and R_{71} independently represent a hydrogen atom or optionally
substituted alkyl group[, but preferably each represent a methyl group];
- R_{72} , R_{73} and R_{74} represent hydrogen atoms;
- R_6 represents a hydrogen atom, or an optionally substituted alkyl group, or
a methylene group bonded to the indole moiety thereby to form a tricyclic moiety;
- R_{75} represents a group of general formula III, [described above]



wherein R_4 represents a hydrogen atom, or an optionally substituted alkyl group; R_5 represents a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group; R_{76} and R_{77} each represent a hydrogen atom or R_{76} and R_{77} are joined so that a C=C bond is formed between the carbon atoms to which R_{76} and R_{77} are attached [radicals as described]; and X represents a group $-OR_9$ or a group $-NR_9R_{10}$, wherein R_9 and R_{10} independently represent a hydrogen atom or an optionally substituted alkyl group.